

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryuichi ISHII et al.
Title: HEAT-RESISTING STEEL, METHOD FOR THERMALLY
TREATING HEAT-RESISTING STEEL, AND COMPONENTS
MADE OF HEAT-RESISTING STEEL
Appl. No.: Unassigned
Filing Date: November 29, 2000
Examiner: Unassigned
Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert

--claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 7" and insert

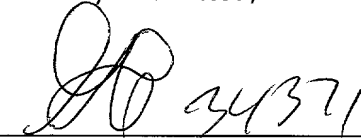
--claim 1--.

REMARKS


Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 3 - 8 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date November 29, 2000

By  34371

FOLEY & LARDNER
Washington Harbour
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109
Telephone: (202) 672-5414
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

 Richard L. Schwaab
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 25,479